



NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

March 11, 2021 | Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear parents and carers,

What a fabulous couple of weeks it's been at Michelago Public School! The students are well and truly finding their groove in the classrooms. There have been lots of smiles and great discussions about maths strategies, science concepts and working toward literacy goals.

Swimming - The students have been loving our school swimming scheme and the instructors have been doing a wonderful job helping our students become more confident swimmers. I'm sure you will all be impressed with how far they come in a short amount of time.

GRIP leadership - In Week 10 our year 6 students will be attending the GRIP leadership conference. This conference gives students and opportunity to develop their leadership skills and reflect on their time as student leaders. It will give the students more confidence and support them in a successful transition to high school.

Market Day - On the 25 March Michelago PS are hosting a student market day! Students will be given an opportunity to run stall and information stations for their peers. We are lucky enough to be joined by students from Captains Flat and Bredbo this year. Could you please provide your children with 20c and 50c pieces to be used on the day. All funds raised will be directed toward the Student Representation Council (SRC) initiative.

Quality Teaching Rounds - Mrs Tillack and myself are participating in a teacher feedback program which will involve video recording our lessons. We thank you for your support with this research and our quest to improve our teaching practices.

Extra-Curricular Activities - We have kicked off our lunch time clubs this term with Lego Club, 3d Printing Club and Dance Club all off to a wonderful start. The feedback from the kids has been great and they are really enjoying the opportunity to explore their interests during school hours.

Aboriginal Education - Yesterday afternoon we had the opportunity to yarn with Matthew Fullerton about Aboriginal history and culture. Thank you to those who attended, I was very inspired by the content and loved the discussions that came from the presentation. Next Wednesday Alfie Walker our Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) will be coming to our school to run an Acknowledgement of Country workshop. IT will run from 3.30pm until 5.00. Parents, students and carers are all welcome, we are hoping to create our own acknowledgment which we can use at our assemblies, meetings and events. The school will put on a feed and we hope that you can all come and share in the learning.

Assembly - We have our assembly on Friday 12 March, which is now happening every three weeks. Parents and carers are now welcome to join. If you are unable to be there physically, you can join in via zoom. A link will be provided via Skoolloop sometime Thursday afternoon.

School Photos - Our school photo day was a massive success! The students looked wonderful in their uniforms and all were wearing their biggest smiles. Students displayed our school values (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be your best) for the duration of the process and all should be commended.

Our P&C are meeting next Wednesday 17 March. With a new leadership team are keen to start our discussion about where we are now? And where to next? Come along and have your say and participate in the conversation. At Michelago we are school and family working together and the P&C is a wonderful way of ensuring our on-going productive partnership. Really looking forward to seeing you there!



NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

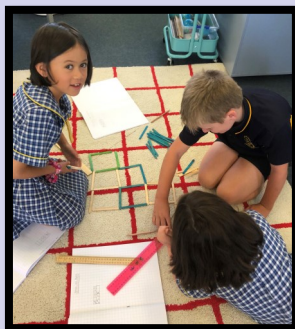
March 11, 2021 | Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

Learning Plans – Mrs Tillack and I have conducted many learning plan meetings with our parents and carers. Thank you for organising those meetings and having those very important discussions. Documents are still be finalised and there are still a few more meetings to be held. If you need to organise a meeting, please be in touch with the school to organise a time.

Easter Hat Parade/ Treasure Hunt – Our Easter hat parade and treasure hunt will be happening on the last day of Term, Thursday 1 April. The SRC are organising a mufti and some events to happen on the day. Please send your child to school with a donation for the SRC's initiative and a fancy hat to display on the day. Students will make a hat in the last week of term just in case parents don't have the time to co-create a masterpiece!

Thank you again for your support this term. I have been energised by your love and care for the school. We have had some great opportunities this term for school and family to work together and I'm looking forward to continuing the great work for the rest of Term 1.

Geoffrey Smith





NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

March 11, 2021 | Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

Notices

Before and After School Care

A reminder that Before and After School Care is available at Michelago Public School and is provided by Country Kids Club. Their contact details are telephone 6236 8305 or email admin@ccl.com.au.

Please remember that documentation needs to be completed before you can access this wonderful service.

Absences

If a student is absent please advise either the teacher or the office with an explanation either via Skoolloop App, in writing, by telephone or text. Word of mouth from a student regarding absence is NOT LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE.

If a student is being collected by someone other than their parent and there is a change to routine, please inform the teacher prior to the collection.

Clean Up Australia Day

A big congratulations for the wonderful effort from our students in keeping our school clean and tidy.

Voluntary Contributions

Voluntary Contributions

The voluntary contribution for Michelago Public School is \$45 per student. These funds are used to assist with the purchase of resources and support excursion costs.

Student Activity Books

The school assists families by ordering student activity books for the beginning of the year.

The cost of the books is subsidised. The Student Activity Book fee is \$100 per student.

Early payment is greatly appreciated.

Payments

Payments can be made at the front office or online through the school website using the Make a Payment Tab. Eftpos at the school or online is the preferable method of payment.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Nicole or

Notices



SKOOL LOOP

We have started increasing the frequency of our posts on Skool loop. Please download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play. The app is free.

Grip Leadership Conference

The Year 6 students will be attending an excursion to the AIS in Canberra on Wednesday 31 March.

They will receive a note with the details. Please return this permission note by Wednesday March 24.



NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

March 11, 2021 | Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

SRC and Dance

SRC Minutes – 11 March 2021

As an SRC group we are deciding to fundraise money for the school

Ideas for raising money include:

- Farmers food
- Cupcake day
- First aid kits for classrooms
- Slide
- School clubs
- More shelves in the sport shed
- Parades
- Special Happy Birthday celebrations
- Lego parade, Easter, Birthday parades, Christmas
- More equipment
- Tarps for tents
- More water and better water (maybe a filter).

We decided that we will raise money for a first aid box in each class by holding a mufti day.

Dance at Michelago Public School

For the past 3 weeks, dance sessions have been held on a Friday lunchtime. During this time, students have come together to learn classic dances such as the Nutbush, the Chicken Dance, the Macarena, and to just dance, move to the music, and have fun. The students have come to dance classes with spirit, enthusiasm and excitement, and work together to learn the new moves. I have enjoyed these lessons and the fun that it brings to a Friday. In the coming weeks we will look at some dance videos and do some of our own dancing together and/or in groups. Looking forward to working together, having fun, and moving to the music.





NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

March 11, 2021 Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

SWIMMING



KEY DATES

Wednesday 24 February - 31 March	Swimming
Wednesday 10 & 17 March	Aboriginal Cultural Learning sessions
Friday 12 March	Assembly
Wednesday 17 March	P&C Meeting
Thursday 25 March	Mini Markets



NEWSLETTER

Michelago Public School

March 11, 2021 | Week 7 Term 1 | Issue 3

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE



| NSW Department of Education

2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

Key dates for students in K-10:

Challenge opens
Monday March 1

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday August 20

Artwork by Dr
Bronwyn Bancroft



The NSW Premier's Challenge has commenced for 2021. It will run from 1 March until 20 August, 2021.

There is a student site available to discover what books are listed on the PRC list for each level.



Every day
COUNTS!



When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means, the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days each year	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day each week	40 days each year	8 weeks each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days each week	80 days each year	16 weeks each year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days each week	120 days each year	24 weeks each year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

School success starts with attendance